



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Toshihiko Ashikari et al.

Examiner: Medina Ahmed Ibrahim

Application No.: 08/894,356

Group Art Unit: 1638

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Confirmation No.: 8892

Title: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN HAVING ACYL GROUP TRANSFER ACTIVITY

AMENDMENT AND REPLY IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 4, 2005, the period for response to which is extended up to and including October 4, 2005, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time (three month) and payment of the requisite fee, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and arguments in the above-identified application.